



NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

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# **The National Water Quality Monitoring Network for U.S. Coastal Waters and their Tributaries**

**NWQMC**

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## Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)

- Charge from Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) in February, 2005
- Report presented to ACWI in January, 2006
- ACWI requests two new recommendations
  - **Small Interagency staff to coordinate next steps**
  - **One or more pilot studies to test concepts and further develop design**
- ACWI formally accepts report in April, 2006



# Network Presentations

- Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
- National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)
  - SWAQ (Subcommittee on Water Availability and Quality)
  - JSOST (Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Sciences and Technology)
- Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources (SIMOR)



## Network Presentations

- GEO (U.S. Group on Earth Observations)
- ORRAP (Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel)
- ICOSRMI (Interagency Committee on Ocean Science and Resource Management Integration)
- Federal Agencies (EPA, NOAA, USGS, DOI)



# Network Presentations

- National Water Quality Monitoring Conference
  - May 8-11, 2006
  - Approximately 900 attendees from Federal, Tribal, and State agencies, academia, private sector, volunteer monitoring community
  - Plenary presentations
  - 4 special sessions with open dialogue



## Next Steps

- Appoint interagency coordination staff
- Finalize list of core analytes
- Select pilot areas and work on issues such as data comparability, management, and access
  - Gulf of Maine
  - Delaware Bay
  - Southern California Coastal Water Research Program
  - Pacific Northwest
  - Florida (Gulf of Mexico)



## Next Steps

- Conduct inventory of on-going monitoring in pilot areas
- Identify resources needed to fill the gaps